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**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2875**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Shunji KAMIJIMA

Group Art Unit: 2875

Application No.: 10/705,935

Examiner: J. Han

Filed: November 13, 2003

Docket No.: 117384

For: ROD INTEGRATOR, ILLUMINATOR, PROJECTOR, AND OPTICAL DEVICE

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the January 13, 2005 Office Action, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks. Claims 1-9 are pending.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-2 and 5-9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Dewald (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0008470) in view of Oe (U.S. Patent No. 5,863,113); rejects claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Dewald in view of Oe, and further in view of Hansen (U.S. Patent No. 3,622,231); and rejects claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Dewald in view of Oe, and further in view of Waymouth (U.S. Patent No. 4,895,420). The rejections are respectfully traversed.

In particular, neither Dewald nor Oe, individually or in combination, discloses or suggests an end face of an outer periphery of an emerging-end opening being a scattering